Demand of Polio Vaccines in the Country

2291. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of polio vaccine being produced in the country at present;

(b) whether the quantity of the vaccine so produced is adequate to meet the demand in the country;

(c) the quantity of polio vaccine being imported for the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the indigenous production of polio vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Polio Vaccine is not produced in the country. Oral Polio Vaccine is blended from imported concentrate. 1350.71 lakh doses were produced during 1993-94. The proposed production for 1994-95 is 1620 lakh doses. In addition 250 lakh doses and 700 lakh doses were received during 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively from UNICEF as commodity assistance under the National Immunization Programme.

(d) The Department of Biotechnology has established Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Ltd. with a production capacity of 1000 lakh doses. Production has not yet started.

Community health centres for Tribal Population

2292. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the required number of community health centres (CHC) for tribal population in each State in the country;

(b) what is the number of Community Health Centres (CHC) actually set up in each State as on 31st July, 1994;

(c) the reasons for which required number of CHC have not been provided so far; and

(d) the measures Government are taking to provide required number of CHCs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from States/UTs and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Drugs Manufactured in Germany

2293. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'Daily Hindustan', Delhi on 30th November, 1994 that 53 per cent of the medicines manufactured in Germany for developing countries are either ineffective or very harmful; and

(b) if so, why such medicines are coming to India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No information is available.

News-item regarding late night services by Lady Doctors

2294. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item "No late nights for Lady Doctors" which appeared in 'Evening News' dated the 26th November, 1994;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered, if so, when;

(c) whether any action has been initiated against the concerned persons including the Medical Officer incharge for his failure to report the matter to the senior officials; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter was immediately investigated by the Chief Medical Officer Incharge of the dispensary. The preliminary investigation revealed that it was a case of simple misbehaviour by the peon on duty, who was found suffering from 'Acute Psycosis'. The lady doctor accepted the apology tendered by the peon and the matter was closed.

Setting up of more Medical Colleges in Andhra Pradesh

2295. SHRI T. VENKATARAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private medical colleges functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the State Government/private institutions to set up more medical colleges in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and